

**LOOE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting  
held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Fore Street, East Looe  
on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT**

Chairman – Mayor – Cllr D J Bryan

**COUNCILLORS**

Miss K Bishop	R Hendy
T Crane	Mrs M Powell
P Crossley	I Simpson
M Gregory	M Soady
Mrs E Hannaford	T Stacey
	A Toms

**OFFICERS**

Town Clerk – Mrs Anne Frith

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Sgt M Howe  
Mayor's Chaplain – Rev P Sharp  
Mr K Taylor – Looe Community Academy  
Mr and Mrs Lundy and Mr Lundy Jnr

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The Mayor welcomed Mr and Mrs Lundy and Mr Lundy Jnr and invited them to give their presentation of the Sandplace Road residents project to create a viewing point in memory of Mrs Susan Norman.

Mr Lundy Jnr circulated documentation for Councillors and asked for Councillors to raise their objections to the project.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that she does not object in principle but does object to trees being cut down and has concerns about ongoing maintenance of the area and the public safety, Councillor Simpson agreed with this. Mr Lundy pointed out that the area is badly lit at night, the boat currently at the location is in a bad state or repair and the area itself is not maintained. He stated that the planters and seats will provide continuity from Station Road and will provide a

quiet area for Mrs Norman's family and confirmed that the trees will be trimmed, not cut down.

Councillor Toms supported the project stating that, following the landslide and the loss of Mrs Norman, he had seen every emotion imaginable and this project would provide a small area for Mrs Norman's family to pay their respects.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford agreed with the sentiment but not the project stating that the town had always had boats at the access points to the town.

Councillor Gregory pointed out that this matter had been discussed at the Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> August, referred back to the Finance and Works Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September and finally approved on 9<sup>th</sup> October and should now be allowed to progress.

Councillor Bryan stated that, as the project had been approved the project can now proceed.

Mr and Mrs Lundy and Mr Lundy Jnr thanked the Council and left the meeting.

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The Mayor reminded Councillors of the various Christmas events coming up and asked for volunteer Marshalls for the Lantern Procession and the Santa Fun Run.

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The Mayor thanked Rev Sharp for his attendance at both the Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day services. Rev Sharp informed Council that St Martin's Christmas Fayre is taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm and is being opened by the Mayor. Rev Sharp then gave prayers.

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**102. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J R B Dingle, Mrs E Graham-Jones and W Martin.

**103. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

**104. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**.1 Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013**

Councillor Toms proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Stacey it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013.

2 Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Crane it was:

RESOLVED

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

**105. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Toms declared an interest in any matter concerning Cornwall Council, Looe Harbour Commission and Looe Development Trust.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford declared an interest in any matter concerning Cornwall Council.

Councillor Hendy declared an interest in any matter concerning East Looe Town Trust.

Councillor Mrs Powell declared a prejudicial interest in Part Two Minute No: 71 of the Finance and Works Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

**106. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY**

Sgt Mick Howe introduced himself and informed Council that PC Pat Libby has replaced PC Helen Libby and PCSO Dave Evans has replaced PSCO Tom Barnes.

Sgt Howe went through the crime figures as per attached Appendix 'A' explaining that there had only been eight crimes during the Music Festival, three of those being one person, on the whole he was very happy with the Music Festival and gave a big pat on the back to the town.

Sgt Howe also reported that three people have been charged for offences relating to the vicious attack on two visitors in July and thanked members of the community for their help to enable a prosecution.

Councillor Gregory asked how the crime figures compared to last year, Sgt Howe responded that they were slightly down and the overall detection rate is around 40% but he would like to see an improvement.

Councillor Crane stated that he was very pleased to hear that charges were being brought for the July incident.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that it was good to hear that the Music Festival had gone so well.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford raised the issue of obstructive parking on Church Street, West Looe which had been reported through the 101 police number with no response.

Sgt Howe responded that he is aware of the problem and is monitoring the situation but obstruction is a very frustrating problem.

The Mayor thanked Sgt Howe for his report. Sgt Howe then left the meeting.

**107. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR EAST LOOE AND ST MARTIN'S**

Councillor Toms gave his report as attached Appendix 'B'.

**108. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR WEST LOOE, LANSALLOS AND LANTEGLOS**

Councillor Mrs Hannaford gave her report as attached Appendix 'C'.

**109. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOOE COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

The Mayor welcomed Kyle Taylor, the new Academy representative and asked for input from the school for the Neighbourhood Plan.

There was no report as this was Kyle's first meeting. The Mayor thanked him for his attendance.

Rev Sharp and Mr Taylor left the meeting.

**110. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

There were no matters raised.

**111. CORRESPONDENCE**

**.1 East Looe Town Trust**

The Mayor read out a letter received thanking the Council for the recent donation to the repair of second beach steps.

**.2 Looe Development Trust**

The Mayor read out a letter received stating Looe Development Trust's wish to re-commence discussions about a skate board park and asking for a Council representative to join a group.

Councillor Mrs Powell volunteered to be the Council representative and, as there were no other volunteers or nominations, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Mrs Powell be the Council representative on this group.

**112. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

There had been no meeting held.

**113. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND WORKS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Gregory gave his report of the Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and proposed that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Miss Bishop it was:

**RESOLVED**

With a vote of 11/1 abstention to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford Confirmed that the Public Convenience grant and also the capital fund for refurbishment will be paid to Looe Town Council.

**114. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bryan gave his reports of the Meetings of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and proposed that the Minutes of both Meetings be approved, seconded by Councillor Mrs Powell it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

.1 **Ref Minute No: 45 (30<sup>th</sup> September 2013) – Pixies Holt**

Councillor Toms explained that he had spent some time with the Planning Officer going through all applications relating to this property and this current application will not be given permission.

Councillor Bryan stated that the adjacent properties had not been notified of the current application.

**115. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs Hannaford, gave the report of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting be approved, seconded by Councillor Crane it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

Councillor Toms stated that the decision-making process needs reviewing to be clear where and when decisions are made and he would be willing to work with the Procedures Committee on this.

This matter was referred to the next meeting of the Procedures Committee.

**116. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Councillor Toms gave his reports of the Meetings of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and proposed that the Minutes of both Meetings be approved, seconded by Councillor Miss Bishop it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Councillor Bryan asked Councillor Toms if the Coca-Cola Christmas lorry could be brought into Looe, Councillor Toms agreed to investigate.

**117. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM WORKING PARTIES, SUB COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

.1 **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Councillor Bryan gave his report of the Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and proposed that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Councillor Gregory it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford informed Council that David Moore, Cornwall Council Conservation Officer, would like to be involved and considers that we should take him up on his offer.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford also informed that the Tatton Hall Neighbourhood Plan is under judicial review and is being challenged by developers, caution is needed.

.2 **Events and Festivals Sub-Committee**

Councillor Bryan gave the report of the Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and proposed that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Councillor Toms it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

**118. NOTICE OF MOTION (AS ATTACHED APPENDIX 'D')**

Councillor Toms explained that there had been a number of issues in the Town due to blocked drains which had been identified on a walk round with Councillor Crossley. He has put this Notice of Motion before Council to get the support for investigating the cost to Looe Town Council to deal with the clearing of the drains.

Councillor Gregory stated that we can't wait for Cornwall Council to deal with this and, although he objects to what will be double taxation, we should go ahead with this and argue with Cornwall Council later.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford informed that the planned maintenance programme by Cornwall Council is to clear the drains twice a year, Cory clears the leaves and highways clear the drains. In her opinion we have to take responsibility for this for our residents. This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to obtain three quotations, Councillor Gregory proposed that the lowest of the three quotes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bryan it was unanimously agreed. The Clerk was asked to find out when the next planned drain clearance by Cornwall Council will be under-taken.

**119. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM LOOE COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THIS COUNCIL TO UNDERTAKE GEOTECHNICAL TESTS OF ALL UNSTABLE LAND**

The Mayor read out a letter received from Looe Community Forum requesting the above.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford stated that a lot of work has gone into this and referred to e-mails she had sent to Cornwall Council which outlined her request for action which has finally been agreed.

Recent reports indicate that there has been no further movement on Hannaford Lane, the survey carried out by Richard Hocking, a very well qualified Geotechnical Surveyor.

There was much discussion on this subject and it was agreed that the problem is huge but with any survey undertaken there are no guarantees. Councillor Mrs Hannaford proposed that quotations are obtained from suitable qualified Geotechnical Engineers and then made a decision, seconded by Councillor Toms it was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Toms stated that the Geological Society have offered their services via their students and he will provide the information for the Clerk.

In the meantime it was agreed that Councillor Mrs Hannaford pursue her line of enquiries.

**120. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AS DETERMINED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

.1 Planning Application No: PA13/08851 – Tom Sawyers Inn

The Mayor explained that the Planning Officer would not agree to an extension of his target date for two days to allow this to be discussed at our next Planning meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Councillor Mrs Hannaford will take this up with the Officer.

Councillors then viewed the plans and discussed them at length and Councillor Mrs Powell proposed that the recommendation should be "Do not Support or

Object commenting that we are concerned about the loss of a valuable amenity”, seconded by Councillor Crossley it was unanimously agreed.

**121. TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £17,092.01 and for the transfer of £13,000 to the Wages Account for September 2013.

To accept for payment the bills as listed and amounting to £22,342.42 and for the transfer of £18,000 to the Wages Account for October 2013.

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Accounts as listed for payment for September and October 2013 be approved, seconded by Councillor Miss Bishop it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to approve payment of the Accounts as listed for September and October 2013.

**122. TO MOVE THE MEETING TO PART TWO**

Councillor Gregory proposed that the Meeting now move to Part Two, seconded by Councillor Miss Bishop it was:

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously to move the Meeting to Part Two.

LOOE Crime figures August to November 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

Crime	Aug	Sep	OCT	Nov	Total
Violent crime	7	15	8	2	32
Burglary	2 non dwelling	0	1 dwelling	0	3
Drugs	2	7	4	0	13
Shoplifting	3	11	7	0	21
Theft other	4	6	2	0	12
Criminal Damage	5	2	2	0	9
Vehicle crime	5	0	1	0	6
Drunk & disorderly	0	3	1	0	4
Other Crime	2	4	9	3	18
<b>Total monthly</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>118</b>



## Appendix 'B'

### COUNCIL REPORT ARMAND TOMS LOOE EAST

#### COUNCIL BUDGET

The council is well into the budget setting process with the completion of the public consultations and these are being considered alongside many other problems that the council faces, ie buses, social care, highways and parking. During a recent debate I was one of the members asking to look at a 6% to see if the services about could be supported and not cut. What is annoying for me is that during last year's budget process it was made clear that this year to save (and i mean save) services that this year there would be a 5% increase. The council are looking at 1.97% increase which will lead to a further cut in services.

#### BARRATTS SECOND PHASE

I recently attended a meeting with council officers and members of the Barratts development team to look at the problems on the site. During these discussions I raised the following issues, landscaping, sewage connection, street lighting, design problems, colours of houses and the water attenuation problems on the proposed area of development. As Barratts have just taken on the land with the problem where the water was seeping from onto St Martin's Road I was able to get an assurance that this problem would be looked at. The number of colours would be reduced, sewage connection would be in place soon, street lighting behind the school would have louvers to stop light pollution. The landscaping would have an immediate separate planning application to make sure they met this year's planting season. Also the agreed that when the employment site is planned there would be a further condition to close the gap in the planting. Both Nigel Lush and Tim Lamer are both wanting to come and talk to the Council and a meeting will be arranged in the near future.

#### FLOOD PLAN

Can I thank Councillor Mrs Michala Powell for her help with the flood plan, she had produced a draft plan which has been sent to the council. It is proposed to further populate the plan by holding a public meeting to ask for volunteers to do the necessary ground work in the event of flooding. I hope councillors will attend the meeting and be involved in this if there is a need in the town. When this plan is complete we will need to do the towns Emergency Plan the next important document to be progressed.

#### DRAIN AT STATION ROAD

Many of you would have seen the flooding outside the Texeco Petrol Station which has happened several time in recent weeks. I received an e mail from Paul Allen the area Highways Surveyor that this would be inspected and cleared soon.

#### WORKS AT VERONICA

The works at Veronica by the HSE have been stalled because of Health and Safety concerns, these are being addressed and works i hope with restart soon.

## Appendix 'C'

### **Update re severe weather**

Thankfully the predicted storm of 2 weeks ago was not as severe as had been anticipated and largely passed Cornwall by without major incident.

The multi agency Silver Control centre at New County Hall was officially opened at 8.45 pm on Sunday night to provide a co ordinated response to the incident.

The tree that fell on Pennyland that Sunday was quickly cordoned off by the Harbour Master and removed very quickly on Tuesday morning by Cornwall Council Environment Service. The works to stabilise the cliff above Pennyland will start in January to avoid closing the path in the lead up to Christmas and the New Year. A design solution has been drawn up which involves pinning, meshing and concreting. The cost, which is considerable, will also be picked up by Cornwall Council environment service as no owner can be found for the land.

### **Bathing water quality/Flood risk**

As we know heavy rain affects the quality of bathing waters around the Cornish coastline. With climate change these severe weather events are likely to become more frequent. It is therefore worrying that the Environment Agency is shedding 1200 job and the whole regional tier of operatives is going in the SW. An office in Bodmin will remain. This is all the more reason why a comprehensive flood management plan is essential for Looe. The EA capital programme is over subscribed and the bar is being raised that decides which projects will get funding. The scoring system seems complicated but at present none of the schemes in Cornwall are likely to be funded. This is because the Government has changed the formula where in the past scheme would be 100% funded by the EA, now partnership funding will have to be found from local sources. The more local funding and higher the number of homes to be protected, the higher the score. This disadvantages Counties like Cornwall which have small communities

### **Pollution event**

The yellow sticky substance that was washed up on Hannafore Beach was found to be Palm Oil. Although not harmful to humans, the substance that washed ashore was rancid so could be harmful if ingested and certainly a dog did die. The cost of cleaning the beaches, testing and posting advisory notices, quite apart from the reputational impact is something I feel strongly about. Therefore I am putting a motion to Council to call on the International Marine Organisation to ban the practice of cleaning tank of this substance at sea. You will recall there was a successful campaign banning ships from flushing tanks of PIB's, which killed so many sea birds.

### **Budget**

Following reductions in our funding from the central Government we are facing the prospect of having to save a further £196 million by 2019. This is on top of the £170 million savings we have already made in our budget since 2010. We know that we have some very hard decisions to make.

Even with a council tax increase of 2% we still need to save £23.9 million next year – if we don't increase council tax at all the amount of saving required increases to £28 million, although we would expect the Government to provide a one-off grant of £2.2 million to make up some of the shortfall. The Government has said we cannot increase council tax by more than 2% unless the Council holds a referendum to allow residents to vote on accepting a higher increase – it will cost over £600,000 to hold a referendum. Over 2000 people across Cornwall have used the You Choose budget simulator and results show that the average rise people are indicating is 1.5%.

A Motion to last Full Council that a 6% rise in Council tax be considered was defeated by 2:1 votes so it is expected that a 1.97% increase will be recommended to Full

Council.

### **An end for free food for Councillors**

One of the discussions at last Full Council was the ending of free food for councillors proposed by Launceston Councillor Jade Farrington.

At present, councillors get a free sandwich lunch provided for them on full council days. The value of this was cut earlier this year from about £9.50 per head to about £5. In addition, councillors can sign for food valued at up to £5 per day at County Hall on days other than those when the full council meets. Finally, we can claim back money spent on meals when we are away (out of Cornwall) at meetings on council business.

To my mind, it is only the last of these that employees in the private sector get and the only one that it is reasonable for councillors to get. Everyone else either brings a packed lunch to work or buys a sandwich. They have to pay for it themselves, so why shouldn't Cornwall councillors?

I have not signed for food anyway over the last 4 years so could easily support this motion.

### **New Chief Executive**

Andrew Kerr was approved last week as the new Cornwall Council Chief Executive. He will take up the post in the New Year.

Although selected by the panel last week, the appointment of a chief exec needs to be approved by the full council. This happened last week and Mr Kerr was voted in with one vote against and around a dozen abstentions.

The council also gave its thanks to Paul Masters who has acted as interim chief executive since March and who will continue in the role until Mr Kerr arrives. Paul has seen the council through a massive set of elections, the formation of a new administration and a hugely challenging budget process. He has used his great skill and experience to make sure all of these happened smoothly.

### **Call for Sat Nav evidence**

The Transport and Waste Portfolio Advisory Committee (PAC) is calling for evidence to demonstrate the problems caused by people blindly following sat nav and often ignoring signs in support of the motion to Council by Cllr Toms. This is a problem in Looe as well as Polperro and Polperro. I would be grateful if members/residents could forward me evidence of this happening in the town so it can be presented to the Committee. The committee seeks to demonstrate to Government that they need to change The Highway Code to include signs which warn motorists where sat-navs are not suitable. If we had a sign that said, 'don't use this route' it would help, but the Highway Code doesn't have that at the moment and we would like the government to take notice and put in some commonsense and say 'switch your sat-nav off'.

### **Business Network**

I have recently set up a business network in Looe. The first meeting attracted 25 businesses who heard about the benefits of superfast broadband and the grants available to businesses of between £1000 and £50,000 to promote and safeguard jobs and invest in technology. The Looe group intends to meet monthly to inter-trade, exchange ideas and information and lobby on issues important to making their business better. They have set up a facebook group Looe Business Network and the next meeting is 26th November where the speaker will be a representative from <http://www.getsetforgrowth.com/> a European funded initiative to help existing businesses gain business growth funding and business start ups write their business plans and cash

flows.

### **Community Grants**

I have a community chest of grants of up to £200 available for local community groups and volunteers to access. The grants aim to benefit a wide range of people and activities, such as vulnerable children or adults, young people, facilities for older people, community facilities, local environment projects, and community safety. Please contact me with your request. The application involves a simple form. The grants can sometimes help as match funding towards larger grant applications.

I have already pledged £100 to Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Looe Breathers to help with their important work.

### **West Looe May Fayre**

The group met last week and plans are well advanced for the Fayre now in its fourth year. I am hopeful that Radio Cornwall will be in attendance this year. The day will be the usual mix of processional, may pole dancing, street stall, exhibition and entertainment. Next year we will have the advantage of the Quayside Centre of course. One additional bit of fun this year is a knobby knees competition. I do hope that members will enter except Cllr Toms who may be unfair competition!

The group is also looking for volunteers to help with the traffic management and have made a formal request to Looe Town Council that the Looe Community Officer helps with erection of road closure signs etc.

### **Bonson Close**

I met with the Highways Officer, Stuart Blackie from Cornwall Housing, Steve Foster the network manager and a Highways design engineer last week to try and find a solution to the parking problems.

I thought the simple answer was to transfer the communal parking areas to Cornwall Housing so they could control. Cornwall Housing will not accept this solution. However we have come up with plans to help alleviate the problems, some with immediate effect, some that are more longer term.

The 2 most important actions are that Cornwall Housing has agreed to remove the half moon paved area outside number 18 and make this into dedicated carer/essential visit parking spaces which will be either chained or bollarded and a suitable sign saying private parking to deter. The other needs the support of Looe Town Council in that Cornwall Highways will not draw up a scheme unless they are paid. A sum of £750 has been mooted. For this the Highways design engineers will draw option for consideration. These could include dedicated blue badge or disabled parking spaces, a narrowing of the entrance to stop parking on the entrance road, allowing only space for the refuse cart or an ambulance to pass, yellow lines or limited waiting.

Many of these options will still however need to be enforced.

We can put all the regulations in but unless we have comprehensive CEO support then all Looe's TROs will be worthless. I think its time we considered employing our own CEO. I believe this would have the support from the public and we are at the right time to be considering this, as we are budget setting.

### **Dog Mess**

My favourite subject. I am pleased to announce I have secured sponsorship from Luxstowe Vets who are willing to provide poo bag dispensers and bags to be erected at key hot spots in East and West Looe. I have also secured a volunteer to replenish the dispensers. Although I accept that this may not deter hard-core offenders but it keeps the issue in the forefront and within the media and give dog owners no excuse.

**Seat West Looe Hill**

I have had a request from residents of West Looe Hill for a black seat just by the old Catholic Church. There are seats further up but this would be a welcome stop for breath on the climb. The added advantage of a seat here would be to stop cars that persistently park here blocking access to the post box on the wall behind and further narrowing the road.

**West Looe Xmas Tree**

I am delighted to announce that Jason Edwards of Portbyhan Hotel has generously agreed to sponsor the West Looe Tree this year. I am also grateful to East Looe Town Trust who will be collection the 22ft tree and Looe Harbour Commissioners who will be erecting and decking the tree. A good example of partnership working between both sides of the river.

## Appendix 'D'

NOTICE OF MOTION as submitted by Councillor Toms:

“That this Council support funding the cleaning of all Highways drains in the town because of the potential of the impact in the Community. This motion should go to the relevant Committee and an urgent tender process so this is completed before further storms hit the town”.

Signed by: Councillors Mrs E Hannaford, Mrs M Powell, R Hendy, J Dingle and M Gregory.